



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re **PATENT** application of:

Applicant:

Betty Shu Mercer et al.

Application No.:

10/735,374

For:

SMALL VIATOPS FOR THICK COPPER CONNECTORS

Filing Date:

December 12, 2003

Examiner:

Leonardo Andujar

Art Unit:

2826

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.